

**Suspension—Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4844, to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries by a ye and nay vote of 391 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 459. Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent to consider the bill under suspension of the rules.

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**Meeting Hour—Monday, September 11:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 p.m. on Monday.

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**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, September 12:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, September 11, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12 for morning-hour debates.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business on Wednesday, September 13.

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**Meeting Hour—Thursday, September 14:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, September 13, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 14.

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**Joint Meeting to Receive the Prime Minister of the Republic of India:** Agreed that it be in order at any time on Thursday, September 14 to the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of the Republic of India.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H7283.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7293–94, H7318–19, H7320–21, H7321, H7335, and H7345–46. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Policy approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5010, District of Columbia and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar Program Act; and H.R. 3679, 2002 Winter Olympic Commemorative Coin Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 5010. Testimony was heard from

the following Delegates: Faleomavaega, American Samoa; Norton, District of Columbia; Underwood, Guam; and Christensen, Virgin Islands; and Kenneth McClintock-Hernandez, Senator, Legislature, Puerto Rico.

### TELEHEALTH

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing entitled: "Telehealth: A Cutting Edge Medical Tool for the 21st Century." Testimony was heard from Robert Berenson, M.D., Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### "FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES"

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled: "Foreign Government Ownership of American Telecommunications Companies." Testimony was heard from Senator Hollings; Representative Dunn; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Kevin V. DiGregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Larry R. Parkinson, General Counsel, FBI; William E. Kennard, Chairman, FCC; Ambassador Richard Fisher, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 3378, amended, Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 1999; H.R. 4673, Support for Overseas Cooperative Development Act; S. 484, Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000; H. Res. 547, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the peace process in Northern Ireland; H. Con. Res. 242, to urge the Nobel Commission to award the year 2000 Nobel Prize for Peace to former United States Senator George J. Mitchell for his dedication to fostering peace in Northern Ireland; H.J. Res. 100, calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act; H.R. 1064, amended, Serbia and Montenegro Democracy Act of 1999; H. Res. 451, amended, calling for lasting peace, stability and justice in Kosovo; H. Con. Res. 257, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community; and S. 2460, to authorize the payment of rewards to individuals furnishing information relating to persons

subject to indictment for serious violations of international humanitarian law in Rwanda.

#### **INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR 2000—STATE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the State Department Annual Report on International Religious Freedom for 2000. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Seiple, Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State; Firuz Kazemzadeh, Vice Chairman, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on Justice Department Inspector General's Report, "An Investigation of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's Citizenship USA Initiative." Testimony was heard from Robert L. Ashbaugh, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Justice.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4503, Historically Women's Public Colleges or Universities Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act; and H.R. 5036, Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Amendments Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Senator Sessions; Representatives Pickering, Hall of Ohio and Dobson; Kate Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Stewardship and Partnership, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **SPACE SOLAR POWER TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on the Technical Feasibility of Space Solar Power. Testimony was heard from John Mankins, Manager, Advance Concepts Studies, Office of Space Flight, NASA; and public witnesses.

#### **TAX CODE—IMPACTS SMALL BUSINESS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on the com-

plexity of the tax code as it impacts small business. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tauzin and Sununu; W. Val Oveson, National Taxpayer Advocate, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL ACT**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action H.R. 5109, Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 2000.

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Unemployment Compensation. Testimony was heard from Raymond J. Uhalde, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2000**

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3011, Truth in Telephone Billing Act of 1999; H.R. 3100, Know Your Caller Act of 1999; H.R. 2592, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act; H.R. 3850, Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement Act of 2000; and H.R. 2346, to authorize the enforcement by state and local governments of certain Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding use of citizens band radio equipment, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on The Privacy Act and the Presidency, 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on National Missile Defense: Test Failures and Technology Development, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.